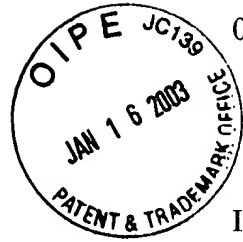


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
NAOJI OTSUKA ET AL.	)	Examiner: T. Nguyen
Application No.: 09/702,765	)	Group Art Unit: 2861
Filed: November 1, 2000	)	
For: TWO-WAY PRINT APPARATUS	)	
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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF  
OFFICE ACTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) having been submitted on November 1, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 20 to read as follows (a marked-up version of Claim 20, showing the changes made thereto, is attached).

20. (Twice Amended) A print method capable of forming a color image by applying ink materials of plural colors in different amounts onto a print medium while scanning a recording head in two directions, said method comprising:

a first step of applying an ink material of a certain color for forming a secondary color in at least one kind of amount onto a pixel area for expressing thereon said secondary color;